

Monroe County Early Intervention Program

OSC Admin. Minutes

February 17, 2011

Review of Minutes/Roundtable Sharing and Announcements

- OSC Quarterly dates confirmed: April 28, July 19, and October 18, 2011
- Preventive Fair – March 25 at the Stardust Ballroom at Edgerton Rec. Center 9 -12
- Biomedical Approach to Autism 2/23 -Nettleton email
- Survey for input on September Inclusion Conference- please respond by 2/21; ARRA funds are being used to fund this conference being organized by LEICC members and RAEYC Special Needs Committee. (formerly ECICMC Inclusion Task Force)
- Presenters for a New Attitude, sponsored by the Advocacy Center, apply by 3/18
- EIEC Webinar on Parent Implemented Early Communication Intervention for Children with Significant Communication Delays, 2/22 4 -5 pm
- CAFL has a new Spanish speaking therapist, Elissa Lazarsky
- Suggestion for OSC Quarterly meeting presenter: Parent who wrote a book – Sally Bittner-Brown

Follow Up On Action Items from previous meeting -Incorporated into agenda items below.

- BG e-mailed final transition report policy - done
- BG to find out from LP when she's going to write letter to distribute consensus of CPSE Chairs regarding transition – handled through distribution of Transition Report document.
- AMS to sent out info reg. NYEIS once it's been rescheduled - done
- AMS to send table reg. regs & billable/non-billable
- OSC Admin- provider feedback to BG on draft of OSC Documentation – Kathy Holly responded and group discussed; they have their own documentation checklists.

Agenda

- EI All County Conference Call- updates
 - Child & Family Outcome Project- now included in local determinators report & APR state send to feds; This is the first time they are sending out reports. Please complete the information needed. The Annual Report is on the BEI website.
- Awaiting approval of a new contract for statewide training
- Billable/Non-Billable update from state: Approval of the draft of the state's document is still being held up due to discussion on 3 points: Use of email or letter writing when the parent has selected either as a preferred method, and attendance at CPSE meetings. Deaf families are an exception.
- NYS Budget Proposal –Ann Marie distributed the section impacting Early Intervention. The Governor has asked the BEI director not to speak regarding the proposal, so no information was able to be obtained by either Ann Marie or Mike.
 - Article 6- state aide to Counties- some services are not considered core services of public health like the ME's office and Service Coordination. What does this mean? Possibly put under another Dept. Not sure yet.
 - Maximizing Commercial Insurance is being pushed so it is more likely to be passed.
 - The Restructuring EI billing practices has been in the budget before also.
 - The Rate Reductions of 10 % will be voted on by the Legislature.
 - Recover EI Overpayment for Medicaid Transportation would help
 - Modifying EI SC Rates to Use Capitation – Ann Marie distributed a hand-out that Mike got at the EICC meeting recently where fixed versus capitation was discussed. The RAP (Reimbursement Advisory Panel) that Mike is a part of made

recommendations to use the fixed rate, rather than capitation. Mike then participated by conference call to give us a better understanding of both. Capitated is where a formula would be created for reimbursement with a capped amount; the rate would be set annually. Fixed is where reimbursement occurs after activities have been completed by SC. (e.g. Referral to IFSP, IFSP, OSC, Transition tasks) The next meeting in May they are looking at possibly regional rates due to high risk areas in the state. Monroe is one of 5. Mike is going to email Brad regarding the Governor's Budget vs RAP's recommendation. There will be a public comment period. Anyone wishing to travel to Albany to give public comment at the EICC is welcome. Comments can be general and not related to the agenda.

- FYI – there is a proposed increase in the charge for the State Central Child Abuse Clearance Registry....proposed is \$60 vs now \$5.
 - On March 9 there is an LEICC meeting at UNYFEAT to address the Governor's proposal. All are welcome.
- Initial paperwork flow for AT – Please send that paperwork directly to Norene, not through EIODs.
 - Could we add a code to the bottom (or a box in the middle update section may be more appropriate) for transferring a case to another OSC agency? Just helps to track the flow of a chart better. (RS) Sending agency should inform the receiving agency of how the case will be transferred (e.g. given to Chasa to give to Barbara to handle). Receiving agency should call when case has not been received in expected timeframe. Communication should resolve the issue; no new action needed.
 - Policy changes/updates: Barbara briefly reviewed new policies that were sent via email.
 - Given the information in the Gov's Executive Budget proposal and the info Mike shared via conference call re: RAP and fixed vs. capitation (RAP recommended fixed, but budget proposal says capitation), the group decided to hold off on submitting a recommended viable capitation rate for OSC's, including information and/or data to support our recommendation, until more information is available.
 - Shadowing Experiences for new OSCs- contact Supervisors. The County would like any requests for shadowing experiences to come through the Supervisors as we have a "volunteer" list that we are now using so that participation by the ISC is equitable and timely. Please contact as soon as possible before new OSC schedules fill up. At the orientation with the County the ISC name will be shared.
 - NYEIS update/discussion
Home page will be in folder that ISC gets; ISC to update at the Initial visit. Transition forms will stay the same. Parent will receive a copy of the printed IFSP. The IFSP will be transmitted via NYEIS to OSC and providers, who are allowed to view. Evaluation can also be viewed that way. Attachment feature not working yet, so some info to be put into comment section. There is a place to indicate whether ABA services are to be used. DIR can be indicated in the comment section there. The provider agency will indicate the person who will provide services. The OSC can view this information, and can clone the Initial IFSP. There is a checklist to indicate that the script is on file. Should it be checked before the OSC knows? Recommended that the OSC find out when script is received by PT or OT. There will be no alert to other providers regarding changes to the IFSP unless OSC agencies decide to continue to send the agencies something. Providers should not start services til you get an SA. More discussion about NYEIS will take place at the March meeting.